THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) to (c) In March, 2004, the Government had laid down the criteria in respect of age, educational qualification and experience for persons to be considered for appointment as non-official Directors on the Boards of Central Public Sector Enterprises. The eligibility criteria was further amended by the Government in November, 2005 to include 'persons of eminence with proven track record from Industry, Business of Agriculture'.

Revival of sick industries

2420. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Heavy Industries and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) that have fallen sick during the UPA Government's rule;

(b) the number of sick PSEs under this category which have been revived and rehabilitated;

(c) the reasons for slow pace of revival and rehabilitation; and

(d) whether there may be a time frame to complete the process and bring it to revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) In so far as the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) are concerned, the following PSEs fell sick during the UPA Government rule:-

(i) Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Limited (BHPV)

(ii) HMT Bearings Ltd.

(iii) HMT Machine Tools Ltd.

(iv) HMT Watches Ltd. and

(v) HMT Chinar Watches Ltd.

(b) Out of the above 5 PSEs revival plans have been sanctioned in respect of 3 PSEs namely BHPV, HMT Bearings Ltd. and HMT Machine Tools Ltd.

(c) and (d) The process of revival and rehabilitation of company is a long drawn one involving various agencies like Operating Agency, Consultants, banks, PSEs, Labour Unions, Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE), Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) etc. Government takes a decision after receiving final recommendations from all these agencies. Considering the number of agencies involved it is difficult to indicate any definite time frame in the process of revival.

Tata Motor's Singur plant

2421. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tata Motors are silently moving out of Singur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several companies are facing same problem that Tata has been facing; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect the interest of such companies and its employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) and (b) Tata Motors plant to manufacture Nano Cars has been relocated in Gujarat.

(c) and (d) As per information obtained from the society of Automobile Manufacturers Association (SIAM) currently no other auto company is facing Singur like problem.

Purchase orders placed by SIL, Lucknow

†2422. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scooter India Limited (SIL), Lucknow, an undertaking of Government of India, is purchasing brake shoe, brake lining and clutch plates from outside agencies through tender;

(b) if so, the number of firms which have presented their samples and quotations to SIL during last two years;

(c) whether it is a fact that SIL has placed purchase orders on high rates instead of buying better quality brake shoes on low rates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA): (a) Scooter India Limited (SIL), Lucknow is currently purchasing Brake Linings under limited tendering system and Clutch Plates on single source basis. However, brake Shoes are being manufactured in SIL itself.

(b) One other party besides established vendors consisting of one for Clutch Plates and two for Brake Linings approached the company during last two years with samples for Brake Shoes, Brake Linings and Clutch Plates. Samples provided by the party were checked for required specifications and were found unsuitable.

(c) and (d) Tenders were invited by SIL from 13 firms for Brake shoes Assemble and purchase order was placed to the lowest bidder.

Recommendation of B.K. Chaturvedi panel

2423. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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